

**Alabama Child Death Review System
State Team Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2010**

State Team Members Present:

Sue Ash (Proxy-(Comm. Nancy Buckner)

Aretha Bracy (Proxy-Representative Mike Millican)
Dr. Robert Brissie
Richard Burleson (Proxy-Dr. Don Williamson)
Cathy Crabtree
Dr. A.Z. Holloway
Dr. William D. King
Steve Lafreniere (Proxy- Commissioner John Houston)
Sergeant Ray Lewis (Proxy Pending- Colonel J. Christopher Murphy)
Marian Loftin
Christy Mehaffey
Chief Ray Moore
Dr. Cheryl Outland
Kelley Parris-Barnes
J.R. Sample
Dianne Sims (Proxy-Senator Linda Coleman)
Dr. Karl Stegall
Sheriff Bobby Timmons
Dr. Dale Wisely

Absent:

Jannah Bailey
Dr. Stephen Boudreau
(Proxy-Michael Sparks)
Dr. Tonya Bradley
Bill Harris
Sheriff Herbie Johnson
Dr. Kenneth Snell
Amy Trammell
Kristi A. Valls

Guests/Staff Present:

Dawn Ellis

Greg Locklier
Theresa Wilson

Call to Order

On May 27, 2010, at 10:00 AM at the Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT) Center in Montgomery, the Alabama Child Death Review System (ACDRS) State Team meeting was called to order by Richard Burleson.

Welcome of Members and Guests

Mr. Burleson welcomed everyone and introductions were made by those in attendance. Present for their first meeting as new members were Governor's appointees Dr. A.Z. Holloway, Dr. William D. King, Christy Mehaffey, and Kelley Parris-Barnes. Other new members attending their first meeting were Sue Ash, Department of Human Resources and Sergeant Ray Lewis, Department of Public Safety. Mr. Burleson presented an overview of the history and structure of the ACDRS.

Old Business

State Team Membership Update

Mr. Burleson reviewed the make-up and appointments of the state team members.

Approval of Past Minutes

A quorum of members being present, the minutes for the October 22, 2009, and January 21, 2010, meetings were approved as written.

Case Status Team Performance Update

Mr. Burleson gave an overview on the background of the case assignment protocol. He also provided the statistics for the 2007 cases and reported a substantial decrease in the number of teams with low performance.

New Business

Safe Teen Driving Campaign

Mr. Burleson reported that the teen driver brochure was complete and ready for dissemination through probate offices, school systems, and other appropriate agencies. The website to accompany the brochure is in progress.

2010 Legislative Issues

HB35 – Text Messaging While Driving

The text message ban bill for all drivers passed the House but died in the Senate. This bill may be introduced in the next session.

HB65 – GDL Enhancements

The GDL Enhancements bill restricts the number of teen passengers, hand held communications, and the number of hours driving with some exceptions.

HB748 – SUIDI Act

The failed SUIDI legislation from the past legislative session was discussed at length. Mr. Burleson reviewed the history behind SUIDI, the Infant Vitality Initiative, and the proposed legislation itself. He stressed that the legislation had been proposed and drafted by the Children First Foundation (CFF), not ADPH or ACDRS. Christy Mehaffey then expounded on the inspiration for and evolution of the proposed bill. The Team discussed the need for such education efforts (as included in the last set of Recommendations) and the concerns over unfunded mandates and reporting requirements. Ms. Mehaffey expressed CFF's intention to introduce a better version of the bill early in the next session, after getting input and support from law enforcement and other involved parties. The Team expressed general support for the effort.

2010 Meeting Dates

The next meeting is Thursday, July 22, 2010, 1:00 pm via conference call and call in information will be provided at a later date. The last meeting for this year is Thursday October 21, 2010, at 1:00 on at AIDT.

Open Discussion

Kelley Parris-Barnes presented information and demonstrated use of the life-size electronic simulator doll in the Jefferson County Pilot Project and other venues to address abusive head injury/trauma.

Executive Session (if necessary)

An executive session was not called during this meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further items on the agenda and no further discussion requested, without objection, the meeting was adjourned.